

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 764

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Deborah Thompson
upon being named the 2019 Rutherford County
Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the
Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Deborah "Deb" Thompson, who was recently named the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce 2019 Business Person of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thompson recently retired as vice president agency-sales for the southeastern market for State Farm, in which position she oversaw agents and agency field leadership in Tennessee, Alabama, and Kentucky. She began working with the company in 1982 as an insurance agent and accepted the position of agency field consultant in 1995, which led to her selection as Agency Field Executive in Eastern North Carolina. In 2003, Deb Thompson helped start the Developmental Agency Field Office for the Mid-Atlantic zone and made the move to State Farm's corporate headquarters in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thompson earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of William and Mary; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to her community, Deb Thompson currently serves on the Middle Tennessee State University Foundation board of trustees; she previously served on the board of directors for the United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties and Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Thompson epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, her notable accomplishments aside, she is most grateful for the love and support of her husband, Roy Snipes, and their three children, Ryan, Patrick, and Brennan; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Deborah Thompson for her many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, her unwavering commitment to others, and her astute leadership in Rutherford County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Deborah "Deb" Thompson on being named the 2019 Business Person of the Year by the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.